

# GAMING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM FUND | ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Program Guidelines  
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## Section I – Statement of Purpose

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The PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71) as amended has established the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund (GEDTF). Funds appropriated from gaming revenues are deposited with the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) for community and economic development projects in Allegheny County.

## Section II – Eligibility

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### A. Eligible Applicant

1. Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County.

### B. Eligible Uses of Funds

1. **Economic Development Projects:** Projects that promote local economic activity and create and/or retain jobs.
2. **Infrastructure Development Projects:** Projects that improve or create infrastructure.
3. **Job Training:** Workforce development projects.
4. **Community Improvement Projects:** Projects that improve or create civic, cultural, or recreational activities or facilities.
5. **Public Safety Projects:** Projects that promote the safety of affected communities.
6. **Public Interest Projects:** Projects that improve the quality of life in the affected communities.
7. **Reasonable Administrative Costs:** Costs to administer the GEDTF funds.
8. Single-year and multi-year projects are eligible for funding under this program.

## Section III – Application Procedures

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- A. To apply for funding, the applicant must submit the electronic on-line Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Single Application for Assistance located at [dced.pa.gov/singleapp](https://dced.pa.gov/singleapp). Required Appendix I may be attached electronically to the application on the Addenda tab. Please reference the application ID on any documents sent with the signature page.
- B. The CFA will review applications to ensure that each proposed project meets eligibility requirements.
- C. Applications must be submitted to the CFA according to a schedule established and approved the CFA.
- D. Applicant will submit completed Appendix I, Project Summary Form, for each project proposed for funding.
- E. The CFA will determine the eligibility of proposed projects by conducting a review of each Project Summary Form.

## Section IV – Procedures for Accessing Funds

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- 1. Upon approval of an application by the CFA, a grant agreement and commitment letter will be issued to the applicant explaining the terms and conditions of the grant. The grant agreement and commitment letter must be signed and returned to the CFA within 45 days of the date of the commitment letter or the offer may be withdrawn by the CFA.
- 2. An executed grant agreement between the applicant and the CFA is required in order to for the applicant to receive payment of grant funds.
- 3. Requests for payment must be submitted to the DCED Center for Community Enhancement by submitting a payment request form accompanied by the requisition report. Applicants should take note that payment requests require 2-4 weeks for processing.

## Section V – Restrictions and Limitations

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- 1. An applicant may not make or authorize any substantial change in an approved project without first obtaining consent of the CFA in writing.
- 2. If the full amount of the grant is not required for the project, the unused portion shall be returned to the CFA.
- 3. The project may not commence prior to the approval of GEDTF assistance without prior approval of the CFA. Project costs incurred prior to GEDTF approval are ineligible for payment from GEDTF funds.
- 4. Funds must be used for new projects and may not be used for refinancing or reducing existing debt or obligation.
- 5. Administration costs shall not exceed 5% of the total grant award.



## Section VI – Miscellaneous Program Requirements

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- A. **Nondiscrimination** – No assistance will be awarded to a grantee unless it certifies to the CFA that it shall not discriminate against any employee or against any person seeking employment because of race, religion, color, handicap, national origin, age, or sex. All contracts for work to be paid for with GEDTF funds must contain the Commonwealth's official nondiscrimination clause.
- B. **Project Account** – For record maintenance and audit purposes, all GEDTF funds must be deposited in a separate project account.
- C. **Project Records** – The grantee must maintain full and accurate records with respect to the project. The CFA requires access to such records as well as the ability to inspect all project work, invoices and other relevant records at reasonable times and places.
- D. **Reporting/Audit** – The grantee must submit a close-out report on the use of the GEDTF funds consistent with the contract. An audit of the use of the grant proceeds by an independent certified public accountant is also required. A federal single audit is not acceptable.
- E. **Bidding** – If the grantee or sub-grantee is a political subdivision or other entity for which open and competitive bidding procedures have been established by law, it shall comply with those statutory bidding procedures. If not, the grantee shall comply with open and competitive bidding procedures in awarding any contracts in excess of \$10,000.00 for construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration and/or repair, for acquisition of machinery and equipment, or for engagement of the services of a professional consultant, when such contracts are funded at least 50% with funds made available under this Contract. In order to comply with open and competitive bidding procedures the grantee must obtain a minimum of three arms-length bids from contractors who are capable of performing the services requested.
- F. **Prevailing Wage** – The Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act (43 P.S. § 165-1 et seq.; 34 Pa. Code § 9.101 et seq.) may be applicable to a project funded under this program. Prevailing Wage requirements are generally applicable to grants for construction, demolition, reconstruction, alteration, repair work, renovations, build-out and installation of machinery and equipment in excess of \$25,000.00. If applicable, the grantee is responsible for including prevailing wage rates in all bid documents, specifications, and construction contracts pertaining to the Project. The Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) has final authority to make prevailing wage applicability determinations.

## **Section VII – Program Inquiries**

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Program inquiries and applications should be directed to:

Department of Community and Economic Development  
Center for Community Enhancement  
400 North Street, 4th Floor  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

Telephone: (717) 787-6245  
Email: [ra-dcedcbf@pa.gov](mailto:ra-dcedcbf@pa.gov)

# Allegheny County GEDTF Program

## Project Summary Form

<b>Applicant:</b>	
<b>Sub-Grantee:</b>	
<b>Project Name:</b>	
<b>Project Local Number:</b>	
<b>Project Location:</b>	

**Project Eligibility:**

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**Project Description:**

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**Start Date:**

**Completion Date:**

**Amount Awarded:**

Funding Source	Funding Name	Status	Amount Requested

**Total:**

Funding Source	Budget Item	Amount Awarded

**Total:**